

## RESOLUTIONS

PASSED BY

### THE LEGISLATURE OF INDIANA,

IN FAVOR OF

*An appropriation for improving the navigation of the western rivers.*

JANUARY 12, 1846.

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals, and ordered to be printed.

#### THE STATE OF INDIANA.

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

*A Joint Resolution on the subject of improving the western rivers.*

SECTION 1. *Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,* That the communication between the gulf of Mexico and the interior, afforded by the navigation of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, and *their principal tributaries*, is indispensable to the defence of the country in time of war, and essential also to its commerce.

SECT. 2. *Resolved, further,* That the improvement and preservation of the navigation of these great rivers are objects as strictly national as any other preparation for the defence of the country; and that such improvements are deemed impracticable by State or individual enterprise, and call for appropriations of money by the general government.

SECT. 3. *Resolved, further,* That the Wabash is one of the principal tributaries of the Ohio river, and by far the most national in its character, and most important in a military point of view, as it is the most prominent feature in one of the great national thoroughfares between the lakes and the waters of the Mississippi, and as some two hundred and fifty miles of its course is the boundary of two States, besides being of immense commercial importance to the citizens of many States of the Union, as well as those inhabiting its borders.

SECT. 4. *Resolved, further,* That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their best endeavors, with every proper effort, to carry into effect the preceding resolutions, and especially to obtain an appropriation, during the present session of that body, of public land or money, for the purpose of improving the navigation of the Wabash.

SECT. 5. *Resolved, further*, That his excellency the governor be requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

JOHN S. SIMONSON,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

GODLOVE S. ORTH,

*President of the Senate.*

Approved, December 16, 1845.

JAS. WHITCOMB.

STATE OF INDIANA, *to wit* :

I, John H. Thompson, secretary of state, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original on file in my office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of State, at Indianapolis, this 27th day of December, A. D. 1845.

[L. s.]

JNO. H. THOMPSON.